(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार देश में कच्चे तेल के उत्पादन के लिए विदेशी प्रौद्योगिकी को आकृष्ट करने का प्रयास कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कतिपय विदेशी संस्थाओं से संपर्क स्थापित किया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उन संस्थाओं के नाम क्या हैं जिनके साथ इस संबंध में संपर्क स्थापित किया गया है; और

(घ) भारत में पूंजी निवेश करने के संबंध में उनकी क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Bursting of Burari-Gadepan Gas Pipeline

1230. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the gas pipeline from Burari to Gadepan in Rajasthan burst again within a few days of its earlier burst when the strength of the pipeline was being tested after replacing the damaged section;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what according to the inquiry, if any, are the circumstances leading to the second burst of the pipeline; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (d) During hydrostatic testing of the second section of the pipeline, three pipes out of a total of more than 2500 pipes failed. The reasons for the failure during testing, on the Burari-Gadepan pipeline, are under investigation.

प्राकृतिक गैस की उपलब्धता और आपूर्ति

1231. **श्री राधा किशन मालवीय :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कितनी मात्रा में प्राकृतिक गैस उपलब्ध है और इसकी कितनी मात्रा की आपूर्ति की जाती है; और

(ख) प्राकृतिक गैस की मांग को देखते हुए इसकी उपलब्धता का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) देश में गैस के ज्ञेय प्रतिलाभ्य भंडार लगभग 700 बिलियन घन मीटर हैं । विभिन्न उपभोक्ताओं के संबंध में चालू आपूर्तियां लगभग 38 एम० एम० एस० सी० एम० डी० हैं ।

(ख) जबकि गैस अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लि० ने लगभग 260 एम० एम० एस० सी० एम० डी० की मांग को पंजीकृत किया है, वर्ष 1996—97 तक गैस उपलब्धता का सर्वोत्तम अनुमान 82 एम० एम० एस० सी० एम० डी० की सीमा में है ।

Development of Oil Fields

1232. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the objection of Technical Evaluation Committee, in inviting the Reliance Industries Ltd., for development of Oil Fields was overruled by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry; and

(b) if so, the reasons for doing so and what are the Government's proposals for development of oil fields ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Opening of New Gas Agencies and Petrol Pumps

1233. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to open new gas agencies and Petrol/Diesel pumps in various States in view of the proposals received from the representatives of the people and State Governments during this year;

(b) if so, what are the criteria in this regard and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the names of the places in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise for which the proposals have been received for opening petrol and gas agencies there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) Proposals are received from time to

time from various parts of the country for setting up LPG distributorships and petrol/diesel retail outlets. After survey, locations meeting the Industry norms are included in the Marketing Plans for opening of RO dealerships/LPG distributorships.

(c) 15 ROs and one LPG distributorship proposals have been included in the current RO Marketing Plan for 1988—93 and LPG Marketing Plan 1992—94, for Himachal Pradesh as under :—

Retail Outlet Dealerships	LPB Distributorship
1. Ghagas	1. Shimla
2. Sujanpur Tihra	
3. Hamirpur	
4. Draman	
5. Alampur	
6. Patlikut	
7. Sarchu	
8. Nerchowk	
9. Shimla-bye-pass	
10. Kotkhai	
11. Sataun	
12. Ponta Sahib	
13. Una	
14. Kunihar	
15. Dalihara	

Order to Supply Welded Pipes by M/s. Saw Pipes

1234. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Saw Pipes have recently received an order for Rs. 88 crores for welded pipes from ONGC, if so, what are its details;

(b) whether Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and ONGC have considered the performance of Saw Pipes in the case of welded pipes which are imported by them;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) whether M/s. Saw Pipes which work very closely with M/s. P. J. Pipes (P) Limited get a 15 per cent (Deemed Export) as indigenous manufacturer; and

(e) if so, what are the facts in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) ONGC had placed an order in January, 1993 on M/s. Saw Pipes Ltd. for supply of 47.74 Kms. of 42" and 30" line pipes for the Second Bassien Hazira Trunk Pipeline Project at a contract price of about Rs. 82.34 crores.

(b) and (c) Supplies against the order are yet to commence.

(d) and (e) Deemed Export Benefits are available to indigenous suppliers for making supplies to ONGC as per the provisions of the Export Import Policy 1992—97.

Use of Imported Naptha for Petrochemical Complexes

1235. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present policy of Government permits use of imported naptha for petrochemical complexes;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that the proposal of Karnataka Government regarding use of naptha in the project Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals is still pending;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) what action is being taken to clear the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Based on the demand-supply scenario, a petrochemical complex at Mangalore refinery was not found feasible.

Expert Group to Augment Supplies of Natural Gas

1236. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had constituted an expert group to look into various options of augmenting the supplies of Natural Gas in country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) An Expert Group headed by Chairman.